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REMARKS-GENERAL

In the final O.A., independent claims 1, 14, and 18 were rejected. Claim 4 was objected to, and it was stated that this claim could be acceptable if written in independent forms, to also include all intervening claims to claim 1 (i.e., claim 3).

At the interview of 06 July, 2004, the Examiners indicated that it would be acceptable to re-write claim 4 independently, but such that it would be dependent only on claim 1 (i.e., removing the necessity to include the limitations of claim 3).

The Applicant and the Examiners discussed the Examiner's principle objection to claim 1. As the Applicant understands this objection, the Examiner did not consider the phrase "bearing a pre-defined mathematical relationship to the age of said first individual" to substantially limit the claim (as was the intent of the Applicant, and as was explained in the amendment of 21 January 2004). Thus, a potential amendment that would address this concern, without requiring additional limitations in claim 4 not germane to this issue was discussed at the interview.

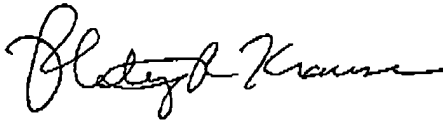
This amendment, which clearly overcomes the cited prior art (USPN 6,546,399 and USPN 6,065,002), was discussed and agreed upon at the interview. In the cited prior art, no suggestion is made of a mathematical relationship between the ages of the two individuals. By specifying that the ages of the two individuals are equal, and that the age of the first individual is determined on a specific date, amended claim 1 (and corresponding amendments to the other independent claims) more particularly defines the mathematical relationship between the ages of these individuals, and thus, overcomes the cited prior art.

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Conclusion

For the above reasons, the specification and claims are in proper form, and the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

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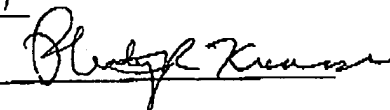
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CLAIM AMENDMENTS (marked up version)

- 1) (amended) A computer-implemented method for providing a user with age-event information comprising:
 - a) receiving an input signal;
 - b) determining age information from said input signal; and
 - c) providing an output signal comprising age-event information corresponding to said age information;wherein said age information comprises ~~information related to~~ the age of a first individual on a specific date and said age-event information comprises information regarding an event that occurred in the life of a second individual when said second individual was at an age ~~bearing a pre-defined mathematical relationship~~ equal to the age of said first individual on said specific date.
- 2) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises a date, and the output signal comprises a celebrity ageliner, wherein said celebrity ageliner names a celebrity and describes a historical event in the life of an individual that occurred when said individual was the age of said celebrity on said date.
- 3) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises age information relating to a first individual, and the output signal includes a reference to said first individual.
- 4) (amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the output signal further comprises a date.

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~~the age-event information comprises information regarding an event that occurred in the life of a second individual when said second individual was at an age equal to the age of said first individual on said date.~~

- 5) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises a birthdate.
- 6) The method of claim 1, wherein said input signal represents an age.
- 7) The method of claim 1, wherein the output signal is obtained by using said age information to select corresponding age-event information from a database.
- 8) (amended) The method of claim 4~~1~~, further comprising the step of generating a customized greeting for said first individual, said greeting comprising age-event information.
- 9) The method of claim 8, wherein the customized greeting is an electronic greeting card.
- 10) The method of claim 8, wherein the customized greeting is a greeting card produced at an automated greeting card kiosk.
- 11) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of generating a customized calendar for said first individual, said calendar containing age-event information for at least two dates.
- 12) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of generating a life-chart for said first individual, wherein said life-chart comprises age-event information for at least two dates in the life of said first individual.
- 13) The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of generating a life-clock display for said first individual, wherein said life-clock display comprises a symbolic

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representation of the amount of life said first individual has lived and the amount of life said first individual is expected to live before dying; and
providing age-event information for said first individual on said life-clock display.

14) (amended) A computer system for providing age-event information, comprising:

computer processor means for processing data;
storage means for storing data on a storage medium;
means for receiving input;
means for determining age information from said input; and
means, responsive to said age-determining means, for outputting age-event information to a user;

wherein said age information comprises ~~information related to the age of a first individual~~ on a specific date and said age-event information comprises information regarding an event that occurred in the life of a second individual when said second individual was at an age ~~bearing a pre-defined mathematical relationship~~ equal to the age of said first individual on said specific date.

15) The computer system of claim 14, further comprising means for generating a celebrity ageliner, wherein said celebrity ageliner names a celebrity and describes a historical event in the life of an individual that occurred when said individual was the age of said celebrity.

16) The computer system of claim 14, further comprising means for generating a customized greeting from the user to a first individual, said greeting comprising age-event information.

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- 17) The computer system of claim 14, further comprising means for generating a customized calendar, said calendar containing age-event information for at least two dates.
- 18) (amended) A computer memory storage device encoded with a computer program for using a computer system to provide age-event information comprising:
- means for receiving input;
 - means for determining age information from said input; and
 - means for providing age-event information as output;
- wherein said age information comprises ~~information related to~~ the age of a first individual on a specific date and said age-event information comprises information regarding an event that occurred in the life of a second individual when said second individual was at an age ~~bearing a pre-defined mathematical relationship equal~~ to the age of said first individual on said specific date.
- 19) The computer memory storage device of claim 18, further comprising means for generating a customized greeting from the user to said first individual, said greeting comprising age-event information.
- 20) The computer memory storage device of claim 18, further comprising means for generating a customized calendar, said calendar containing age-event information for at least two dates.
- 21) (amended) The computer-implemented method for providing a user with age-event information of claim 1, wherein the information received in step a) is related to the age of said first individual, and said method further comprises:

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receiving an input signal comprising the name of a second individual;
wherein said output signal comprises age-event information comprising
information regarding an event that occurred in the life of said second
individual when said second individual was at an age ~~bearing a pre-~~
~~defined mathematical relationship~~ equal to the age of said first individual.

22) The computer implemented method for providing a user with age-event information
of claim 21, wherein said output signal further comprises at least one date in the life of
said first individual, wherein the age of said first individual on said date is the same as the
age of said second individual at the time of said event.